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TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations and Individuals

RE: Release of Draft TIP Amendment 07-06 for Comment

The federally required TIP is a comprehensive listing of all Bay Area surface transportation projects that receive federal funds or that are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant. Apart from some improvements to the region's airports, seaports, and privately owned bus and rail facilities, all significant transportation projects in the region are part of the TIP, including transit, highway, local roadway, bicycle and pedestrian investments. All projects included in the TIP are consistent with the long-range transportation plan, the *Transportation 2030 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area*.

TIP Amendment 07-06 and the associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area have been released for public comment. The TIP Amendment schedule is included as Attachment A This amendment makes the following changes in the TIP:

- 1) Addition or Update of projects that received funding through the recently approved Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), as well as projects anticipated to be funded through the pending 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation Program. Both of these program were funded by Proposition 1B, a voter approved bond measure.
- 2) Inclusion of new projects funded with federal earmarks and local funds, as well as major revisions to other existing projects
- 3) Addition of a fourth year (FY 2009-10) to the TIP, resulting in a TIP that is fully compliant with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA). Although MTC approved a four-year TIP in July 2006, in the absence of final federal metropolitan transportation planning regulations, the State, FHWA, and FTA only approved funding listed in the first three fiscal years (FY) 2006-07, FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09. Besides this four-year provision, the following other new SAFETEA requirements have already been already incorporated into the TIP document and its development process:
 - Public participation and agency consultation procedures
 - Visualization techniques & electronic publishing
 - Publication of annual listing of obligated projects
 - System preservation, operation, and maintenance costs
 - Financial constraint analysis ensuring that project costs do not exceed available funding.

Attachment B outlines the actions taken by MTC to develop a SAFETEA-compliant TIP. Additionally per federal regulations, this TIP amendment was analyzed by MTC to determine if it conforms to the Bay Area's approved federal Air Quality Plan (also referred to as the State Implementation Plan, or SIP). Motor vehicle emissions were modeled, considering all projects in the TIP, and do not exceed the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEB) identified in the SIP.

Federal regulations also require an opportunity for public comment prior to TIP approval. Copies of TIP Amendment 07-06 and its Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis are available for public review at the MTC-ABAG Library, 101 Eighth Street and on the MTC Web site at:
< http://www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/hearings/draft_amendments.htm>

Prior to the formal consideration of TIP Amendment 07-06 and its Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis, MTC will hold a public hearing and receive public comments.

Public Hearing: MTC will hold a public hearing on the TIP Amendment 07-06 and its Air Quality Conformity Analysis during MTC's Planning meeting on **Friday, April 13, 2007, 9:30 a.m.**, at the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA (opposite the Lake Merritt BART Station)

Written Comments: Written comments may be submitted to MTC's Public Information Office at: 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607 or faxed to MTC at 510/817-5848 or sent via e-mail to <info@mtc.ca.gov>. Written comments are due by noon on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. For more information, call MTC's Public Information Office at 510/817-5787.

The final TIP Amendment 07-06 and Air Quality Conformity Determination are scheduled for adoption by MTC on May 23, 2007. Once approved by the Commission, the documents will then be forwarded to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval and inclusion into the Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Federal approval of TIP Amendment 07-06 is scheduled for early July 2007. With their approval of this TIP amendment, the FHWA and FTA will officially make a finding that the 2007 TIP complies with the provisions of SAFETEA.

Sincerely,



Alix Bockelman
Director, Programming and Allocations

Attachment A
2007 TIP SAFETEA UPDATE
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Tentative 2007 SAFETEA TIP Update Schedule *
Revised February 20, 2007

December 4, 2006	Call for I-Bond projects and other Air Quality non-exempt projects not listed in the TIP that need to be included in the 2007 TIP
January 10, 2007	Identify CMIA projects to be amended into Transportation 2030 Plan (I-880 HOV gap closure projects)
January 24, 2007	Air Quality Conformity Task Force Reviews approach and assumptions for 2007 SAFETEA TIP Update and Transportation 2030 Plan Amendment
February 1, 2007	Last day to submit project amendment requests or additions to the 2007 SAFETEA TIP Update Amendment.
February 21, 2007	Air Quality Conformity Task Force Reviews Administrative Draft Conformity Analysis Report
February 28, 2007	CTC Approval of CMIA List
March 9, 2007	Begin of public review for Transportation 2030 Plan Amendment
March 23, 2007	Begin of public review for 2007 SAFETEA TIP Update Amendment
April 13, 2007	Public Hearing #1 on Transportation 2030 Plan Amendment (Planning Committee)
April 25, 2007	Public Hearing #2 on Transportation 2030 Plan Amendment End of Public Review Period for Transportation 2030 Plan Amendment & Conformity Analysis (April 25 @ Noon)
April 25, 2007	End of Public Review Period for 2007 SAFETEA TIP Update Amendment
May 9, 2007	PAC review of 2007 SAFETEA TIP Update Amendment and referral to Commission
May 11, 2007	Planning Committee review of Final Transportation 2030 Plan Amendment, Conformity Analysis and EIR Addendum and referral to Commission
May 11, 2007	Transmit Draft 2007 SAFETEA TIP Update Amendment to Caltrans and FHWA for Preliminary Review
May 23, 2007	2007 SAFETEA TIP Update Amendment, final Transportation 2030 Plan Amendment, Conformity Analysis and EIR Addendum approved by Commission
May 25, 2007	Transmit 2007 SAFETEA TIP Update Amendment to Caltrans for review and approval
May 25, 2007	Transmit Conformity Analysis to FHWA/FTA for joint review and approval
June 1, 2007	State Approval for SAFETEA TIP Update Amendment and transmittal to FHWA/FTA
June 30, 2007	FHWA/FTA Approval of MTC SAFETEA TIP

* Note: Tentative schedule subject to change as necessary to meet state and federal programming deadlines.

Attachment B
MTC Actions for a SAFETEA Compliant TIP
March 23, 2007

New SAFETEA Provision	Requirement	MTC's TIP Compliance Action
1. TIP Update Frequency and Time Span	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update TIP at least once every four years • TIP shall include a 4-year period of proposed federally supported projects 	<p>MTC adopted a 4-year period TIP when it adopted the 2007 TIP on July 26, 2006. The State did not include all years in the FSTIP, but MTC's adopted TIP contains a 4-year listing of projects adopted by its Commission.</p> <p>MTC suggests the State accept MTC's 4th year into the FSTIP and that the State proceed with the next TIP/FSTIP adoption in 4 years – in 2010, consistent with SAFETEA.</p>
2. Public Participation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunity to comment to broad range of private and public interests. • Participation Plan to be developed in consultation with all interested parties. • Provide interested parties with reasonable opportunities to comment on the RTP and TIP. • Public meetings must be convenient and accessible. 	<p>MTC's current Public Involvement Process meets or exceeds most if not all of the provisions of the Public Participation Plan. As such MTC's TIP was developed with a process consistent with the SAFETEA required Public Participation Plan</p> <p>MTC is currently preparing a new Public Participation Plan specifically addressing the SAFETEA requirements.</p>
3. Visualization Techniques & Electronic Publishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ "visualization" techniques. • Make public information (such as the TIPs and RTPs) available in electronically accessible format. 	<p>MTC already employs visualization techniques including: Using tables charts and graphics in developing the TIP; Posting the TIP and TIP amendments on the Web; Making the Fund Management System (FMS) available to the public on the internet where the public may perform customized queries and reports on current and proposed TIP projects; Public is able to view a map of the TIP projects using our 'TIP Mapper' feature on the Internet. The Internet location is:</p> <p>http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/</p>
4. Publication of Annual Listing of Obligated Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual requirement to publish federal obligations in preceding year. • SAFETEA-LU requires inclusion of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. 	<p>MTC has published a listing of annual federal obligations since the beginning of TEA 21, including identification of pedestrian and bicycle projects. Furthermore, MTC has added a new feature to its FMS displaying obligation dates and amounts for federal funds listed in the TIP.</p> <p>The latest Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects for FY 2005-06, developed in response to recent guidance from FHWA, has been released and is available on the internet at:</p> <p>http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/delivery/</p>

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5. System Preservation, Operation, and Maintenance Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonably available or projected revenues to support proposed investments in the Plan. • Estimated costs of maintaining and operating the transportation system must be accounted for in the TIP. • The DOT, MPO and transit agencies will provide reasonable cost estimates. 	<p>Among other requirements, the 2007 TIP was developed in compliance with FHWA guidance on financial constraint including the requirement that fiscal constraint encompasses not only operation and maintenance of capital projects in the TIP but also the estimated costs of maintaining and operating the total transportation system. The MTC region performs extensive needs assessment analysis in developing the RTP that leads to the identification of transportation investment strategies and prioritization of projects listed in the TIP. For State Highways, MTC relies on Caltrans in developing its SHOPP and Ten-Year SHOPP plan. For the transit system, the transit operators are required to develop ten-year Short-Range Transit Plans (SRTPs), and for Local Streets and Roads (LSR), MTC conducts surveys with each of the 109 cities and counties and develops and regularly updates a needs assessment for the LS&R network. 108 of the 109 jurisdictions use MTC's Pavement Management Program.</p>
6. Expanded Consultation Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation to be expanded, including non-metropolitan local officials planning officials "as appropriate" in areas outside of transportation, including land-use management, natural resources, environmental protection, historic preservation, tribal agencies, and recipients of federal transportation funding from a non-U.S. DOT source. 	<p>MTC held a consultation workshop on June 22, 2006 for the 2007 TIP, inviting agencies specified by SAFETEA that do not already have close ongoing working relationships with MTC.</p> <p>The TIP and all subsequent formal amendments are subject to the Intergovernmental Review Process, which provides consultations to a broad range of federal, state, and local agencies.</p> <p>For the 2007 TIP, noticing and mailing lists are expanded to include a broader spectrum of agencies to complement the broad consultation process employed in the previously adopted plan and SAFETEA.</p>
7. Financial constraint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIPs and RTPs should be financially constrained to reflect a realistic view of projected funding. 	<p>MTC's 2007 TIP was developed in compliance with FHWA regulations and guidance on financial constraint at the time the 2007 TIP was developed. MTC is in the process of meeting more recent directives requiring full project costs to be shown in the TIP. Previously MTC only programmed funds for which a responsible governing body had taken action committing the funds to the project. To meet recent FHWA directives, MTC is now in the process of identifying future funding so that the full estimated project cost is reflected in the TIP. We now require that as projects are amended in the TIP the sponsor must show the full cost, even if a responsible governing body has not yet programmed future funds.</p>